

*Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003*

**REIMBURSEMENT FOR  
FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS  
PROVIDING SERVICES UNDER  
MEDICARE ADVANTAGE PLANS**

*Section 237*

- The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) establishes a wrap-around payment in Medicare to make up for any shortfall between (1) what a Medicare Advantage (MA) plan pays a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) plus any cost sharing it may collect for services to MA plan enrollees and (2) the payments the FQHC would receive under Medicare fee-for-service. The Secretary is to make these payments directly to the FQHC, and payments are to be made at least quarterly.
- MA plans must pay FQHCs the same levels and amounts they pay other providers for similar services.
- These provisions take effect for services provided on or after January 1, 2006 and contract years beginning on or after January 1, 2006.